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## **Abstract**

It has been written that when the platypus mates, nature lays an egg.

He was just past the creek when a branch hit him and knocked him plumb silly. This great little horse ran for home just as fast as her legs could carry her. Well, she had to jump a fence 'bout as big as she was and when the hired hand found her she was shaking and blowing and had hurt her foot hitting the top of the fence. Jake went out and got the owner and then fetched the vet. Soon as the vet got finished sewing up the man's head he went out and fixed up this brave little horse as best he could. Vet says if you don't mind looking at a little puffed area on the leg this horse is as sound as a dollar. Like the old saying goes, if your horse ain't marked, then like as not he ain't never moved. . . .

. . . "Not only is this little mare hardworking, she's just as gentle as a newborn kitten. Why I'd put my little girl Jody on this mare and not have a moment's worry. This horse won't kick, bite, shove ya 'gainst the side of the stall or even step on your toes. This horse hasn't a mean bone in her body. She don't even blow out when you're cinching her up. Nine times out of ten she'll—

"Somebody grab that boy climbing in the ring! Whew! You'd better watch that boy, lady. He's liable to get kilt fore his next birthday. . . .

"Now what was I saying? Oh, yes. Nine times out of ten this mare will open up her mouth and take that bit just as purty as you please. . . .

. . . "Why don't I keep this great little horse for myself? Well let me tell you. I'm in the horse selling business. You folks come to me looking for high quality stock. And I have it. Now how would it be if I kept all the good ones for myself and tried to palm the rotten apples off on my loyal customers? No sirree. There's honor in this business too."

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